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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

. In re the Application of:

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For: DATABASE TRANSITION SYSTEM AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This application is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of International Application PCT/JP99/07183, filed December 21, 1999, it being further noted that priority is based upon Japanese Patent Application 11-011581, filed January 20, 1999.--

